

BLINDING FLAMES AND SEETHING STEAM ENVELOPED IMPRISONED PASSENGERS

Fate Decried Disaster to the Newly Inaugurated Twentieth Century Limited, the Fastest Train in the World, as She Sped at 75 Miles an Hour

Fastened, Far Beyond the Reach of Human Help, Nineteen Meet a Horrible Death and Many Serious Injuries From Merciless Flames and Steam.

Cleveland, June 22.—While traveling seventy or seventy-five miles an hour the Twentieth Century Limited, the fastest long distance train in the world, ran through an open switch at the little town of Mentor, east of Cleveland at 9:29 last night, causing one of the most horrible wrecks in the history of the Lake Shore road.

The engine was hurled into the ditch, the front of the train crushed on top of it and the wreck was partly buried. The horrors of the wreck doubled the horrors of the fire. Nineteen people are dead and many injured and the famous train demolished.

The train was crowded. It was behind time and the greatest of speed was being made to make up lost time. Practically all the injured were burned and had to be extricated from the blazing wreckage.

Assistant General Superintendent Moon of the Lake Shore, gave out a statement saying: "So far as can be learned the switch was opened and the lock opened by some party unknown; probably a crank, and evidently for malicious purposes."

The combination car was hurled with terrific violence on top of the engine and tender and in a moment was enveloped in flames from the engine. The Chicago sleeper, immediately behind the combination car, swung from the track, and, crashing into the depot, was completely buried in the wreck of the building. The violence of the crash was such that the steps collapsed on top of the wrecked coach. The hapless passengers in this coach were crushed and maimed in the crash and then completely buried in the collapse of the structure.

An instant after the crash of the wreck the boiler of the great engine burst with terrific force, scattering steam and steam through the wreck and in a manner that made escape for the hapless, imprisoned passengers impossible. The wrecked combination car, which had landed, crushed and splintered on top of the engine, was at once developed in blinding flames and scalding steam. Cries of these imprisoned passengers were heard above the roar, but they were beyond all human aid and the car became a pry for a number of human beings.

The injured were brought to this city, where they were hurried in waiting ambulances to several hospitals. A highly important class of mail matter was carried on the train and the mail car suffered destruction, not only by the wreck, but by flames as well.

The water supply was small and the means for fighting the flames were pitifully inadequate, but the zeal of the firemen wrought great things for their few minutes.

The fire burned until after midnight, and the last blackened corpse was not recovered until one o'clock.

The condition of the bodies recovered was such as to make identification almost impossible. One body was taken out with the head missing. Officials of the road do not understand how or why the train should be derailed at the switch, which is provided with every known safeguard and was carefully inspected prior to the passing of the train.

Mentor, scene of the wreck, is the home of the widow of the late President Garfield.

Conductor Hammond of the Limited says he rushed back to the switch immediately after the wreck. He found it locked and open. He tried it and found it worked all right. The switch light was out. He declares not a wheel rolled over the switch since the east-bound Chicago and Boston train went through 45 minutes before the Limited, William Barclay Parsons, chief engineer of the New York subway when it was built, was on the train, but escaped injury. Sixteen passengers sustained no injuries, and six were only slightly bruised.

Killed and Injured. Cleveland, June 22.—The following is a revised list of the dead and injured: Dead:—C. H. Wellman, general manager of Wellman-Seaver-Morgan, engineering company of this city. Thomas R. Morgan, of same company, burned to death. Archibald P. Head, of London, Eng., a prominent English steel man. John R. Bennett, a patent attorney of New York; burned to death. A. L. Rogers, of the Platt Iron Co., New York; died at hospital. H. H. Wright, traveling man of Chicago; died at hospital. William B. Mickey, address unknown; of Toledo; died at hospital. F. J. Brandt, of Toledo; died at hospital. S. C. Beckwith, New York advertising agent; died at hospital. J. H. Gibson, of Chicago; traveling man. N. B. Walters, baggage master. Allen Tyler, engineer; crushed under engine. J. A. Bradley, engineer; crushed under engine. Henry Trine, of New York; barber on buffet. Seven unidentified dead, one supposed to be Arthur L. Johnson of Coney and Johnson, Cleveland, O. L. M. Eirik, manager of Keith's theater, Cleveland. Charles Lambariche, former manager of Hahnorth's gardens, Cleveland. D. J. Arbaugh, of Milwaukee. H. C. McClung, manager of the Wheeling Corrugating Company of New York. Injured:—Aaron Gorham, fireman; may recover. Rudolph Ricardau, of Brooklyn; will probably die. J. H. Langdon, of Chicago, critical condition. F. D. Countiss, president of S. D. Chapin and Co., of Chicago; not serious.

BOWEN REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT

The Former Minister to Venezuela Reasserts the Charges Formerly Made Against Secretary Loomis and Declares the Scanda a "National Disgrace."

New York, June 22.—Herbert W. Bowen, formerly minister to Venezuela, today made public a long statement in reply to President Roosevelt's letter dismissing him from the diplomatic service. Mr. Bowen declares that the Venezuelan scandal constitutes "a national disgrace." He asserts that "the Loomis scandal" pervaded Caracas and constantly "grew worse and worse."

Mr. Bowen says that shortly after he called the matter to the attention of the department of state he received a cable offer from Washington of diplomatic promotion that would remove him from Caracas.

"I admit," he declared, "that I regarded the offer as an attempt to bribe me, veiled under the offer of a higher position and inspired by Mr. Loomis. I make no doubt that in the course of the recent inquiry it has been sufficiently plain that I did not think Mr. Loomis an honest man and that I did not believe his conduct as minister to Venezuela had been honorable."

When he went to Venezuela in 1901 as successor to Mr. Loomis, Mr. Bowen declares he found current rumors seriously affecting the honor and integrity of his predecessor both as a man and as representative of the United States government. Epitomizing the rumors, Mr. Bowen says: "Mr. Loomis, while minister, is reported to have used his public position to fill his private purse by obtaining interests in concessions and in various claims against the Venezuelan government. He was commonly thought also to have been in the pay of the Bermudez Asphalt company and to have made use of his official position to give color to the belief that the United States government was especially favorable to the side of that company in its controversy with the Venezuelan authorities."

Referring to the documents left by his predecessor in the legation at Caracas and forwarded by Mr. Bowen to the state department, the latter says: "I cannot better express my own feelings in regard to their contents than in the words of the secretary of state who, in his letter, acknowledging their receipt, said: 'I have been greatly surprised and pained in regard to the documents you sent me.'"

Mr. Bowen tells of sending to the state department information of the report current in Caracas that "an incriminating check to Mr. Loomis and a letter from him to the governmental custodian of the asphalt property promising that the United States would not intervene in Venezuela were in the hands of one of President Castro's friends."

After his refusal to leave Caracas, Mr. Bowen says: "There began to appear from Washington such false and misleading statements in our papers as 'Bowen has asked to be recalled; he wants to sever diplomatic relations with Venezuela; he advises that a naval demonstration be made in Venezuelan waters; he is at swords' points with Castro,' also reports of this sort are ordinarily contradicted by the department of state. In this instance they were not."

With regard to the Mercado claim Mr. Bowen gives the text of a letter which was among the papers he found in the legation archives. This letter is addressed to W. W. Russel and says: "Dear Sir:—In reference to the portion of Mr. Mercado's claim which I bought I want to state that the only terms of settlement which I will accept other than a full cash payment of about 30,400 bolivars in gold, are the following: I will accept 20,000 bolivars in gold and 10,400 bolivars in salt bonds at the rate of 82 per cent. or 5 per cent. below the quoted market rate, provided it does not go below 80 per cent."

"Very truly, 'F. B. LOOMIS.' Mr. Bowen underlines the words "which I bought" in the letter. He also gives the text of a letter from Chas. R. Mayers addressed to Francis B. Loomis and referring to services rendered by Mr. Loomis in securing a contract for furnishing a loan to Venezuela.

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While Two Others Receive Perhaps Fatal Injuries—Ghastly Tragedy in Alabama. Attalla, Ala., June 22.—The boiler at the sawmill of Curtis Attalla lumber plant exploded today, killing James Watts, Will Rosson, Gus Cash and Marion Maddox. C. Smith was fatally hurt and Barney Works seriously injured.

Miss Lily Parish and Mr. Robert L. Flowers United in Durham—Both Very Popular and Prominent. Durham, N. C., June 22.—The leading social event of the year occurred last evening at 9 o'clock when Miss Lily Parrish and Mr. Robert L. Flowers, both of this city, were united in marriage in Trinity Methodist church. Miss Parrish, who is the only daughter of Col. and Mrs. E. J. Parrish, is a young woman of culture and marked ability. She recently spent six years in Japan, during which time Col. Parrish represented the American Tobacco Company.

DIST ATTY JEROME WILL TAKE A HAND IN INVESTIGATION

Latest Development in the Equitable Affair is the Announcement That Mr. Jerome Will Participate In Examination of the Society's Affairs. Calls for Reports Further Interesting and Startling Developments May be Expected Before Supt. of Insurance Hendricks Gets Through With the Company. Inquiry Only Begun.

New York, June 22.—District Attorney Jerome has entered into the investigation of the Equitable Assurance Society trouble and telegraphed State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks asking him to forward at once official copies of his reports. The district attorney would make no statement as to his intentions in the matter.

More Developments Ahead. Syracuse, N. Y., June 22.—Further interesting and startling developments may be expected before Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks gets through with the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The report just submitted by Hendricks is only a preliminary one. It is understood that experts will require four or five months to complete the examinations of the company's financial affairs.

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RAILROAD MAKING FOR SOUTHPORT

Governor Glenn Has Under Advisement the Appeal to Commute Dan Teachey's Murder Sentence to Life Imprisonment. To Welcome Virginia Editors.

Raleigh, June 22.—The Raleigh and Southport Railroad Company has filed an amendment to its charter increasing the capital from \$150,000 to \$650,000. Trains are now operated from Raleigh to Lillington and the road is building to Fayetteville with a view to continuing the construction to Southport.

Further Hearing For Teachey. Raleigh, June 22.—Governor Glenn has granted a further hearing to the attorneys and friends of Dan Teachey, the white man who is under sentence to be hanged in Duplin county for the murder of Robert Rivenback, July 19 is the time now set for the hanging and his excellency has taken under consideration the question of commuting the sentence to life imprisonment. The case has been appealed to the supreme court three times.

To Welcome Editors. President H. R. Varner of the North Carolina Press Association, has secured State Auditor B. F. Dixon to deliver the address of welcome in the stead of Governor Glenn at the joint session of the North Carolina and Virginia Press-Association at Asheville, July 5th and 6th. Governor Glenn is obliged to cancel his engagement to attend on account of having to be in New York on the Fourth when he responds to the toast "Our Country," at the big Tammany Hall banquet.

Third Regiment Band. Col. T. H. Bain was here today and mustered the new Third Regiment Band of this city that takes the place of the band that was disbanded at Reidsville.

Concerning Pensions. State Auditor B. F. Dixon is issuing letters to the members of the county pension boards asking that they do not approve applications for pensions except in very extraordinary circumstances in cases coming under the paragraph of section 1 of the pension law, allowing the boards to put on the lists such soldiers and widows as are unable to earn a living from property valued at \$500 or more for taxation, and who may appear to the boards from special circumstances worthy to be placed on the pension roll. Major Dixon calls attention to the fact that money apportioned to such cases would only take it from old soldiers who need it worse, possibly. And this should not be done except in cases that are extremely urgent. The county boards meet in all the counties of the state on the first Monday in July, which falls this year on July 3.

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As the Result of Being Fired Into by Troops of the Russian Government, Twenty-Two Persons Were Killed Yesterday. Demonstration Against the Empire.

Ten of One Hundred Who Were Wounded Will Die. Two Women Crushed to Death in Rush of Panic Stricken Crowds. Workmen Seek Revenge.

Lodz, Russian Poland, June 22.—Twenty-two persons were killed as the result of yesterday's firing by dragoons and Cossacks on a procession of fifty thousand workmen, which had been organized as a demonstration against the government. Ten of one hundred wounded are dying. Two women were crushed to death in the rush of the panic-stricken crowds, after the firing began.

This morning the workmen, in revenge for last night's shooting, shot and killed a Cossack and two policemen.

OVATION FOR PRESIDENT. President Roosevelt, Former Secretary Root and Former Ambassador Choate Receive Honorary Degrees.

Williamstown, Mass., June 22.—President Roosevelt, former Secretary Root and former Ambassador Choate today received degrees at the commencement of Williams College. Each was cordially received by the audience. The president's reception amounted to an ovation. The president delivered a short address, and at the conclusion of the exercises the president proceeded to the steps of the Congregational church, where he addressed a large assemblage.

THE CHINESE BOYCOTT. Viceroy Prohibits Students From Holding Further Meetings—Also Warns Merchants Not to Interfere With Government Affairs.

Tientsin, June 22.—Viceroy Yuan has prohibited students from holding meetings in reference to the boycotting of American manufactured goods, and also issued a strong proclamation against merchants interfering with affairs in the hands of the government.

Negroes With White Wives. New York, June 22.—An interesting fact, or alleged fact, came to Police Commissioner McAdoo today by way of the complaints of some negroes who are disintegrated because white women are not allowed by the police to enter saloons where negroes resort. The negro lawyer, in writing to the commissioner about it, said that 2,500 negroes in New York had white wives.

CASSINI HANDS OFF. Will Have No Part in the Peace Negotiations.

Delay For Gaynor-Greene. Montreal, June 22.—On motion of counsel for Gaynor and Greene, the habeas corpus proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, counsel stating that the motion to squash his clients' appeal to the supreme court would be argued on Monday.

Important Meeting Tonight. An important meeting of the Park and Tree Commission will be held in the office of Mr. D. A. Tompkins this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Mills-Alderman Nuptials. Greensboro, June 22.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Willis last evening at 9:30 o'clock their sister, Miss Mary Alderman, was married to Mr. Richard Thomas Mills, Rev. Dr. G. H. Detwiler being the officiating minister.

The beautiful home was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The bride was attended by her maid of honor, Miss Minnie Cuthbertson, of Charlotte. The flower girls were Misses Love Ireland and Sara Alderman, nieces of the bride. The best man was Mr. E. S. Willis, a brother of the groom.

After the ceremony a reception was tendered the bridal party, at which delightful refreshments were served. At 10:51 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Willis left for a bridal tour to Northern cities. They will return in a few days and make their home in North Gaston street.

Miss Alderman is the youngest daughter of Prof. W. F. Alderman, some time professor at Greensboro Female College. She is a charming and accomplished young woman. Mr. Willis has held for many years an important position with the Odell Hardware Company.

HENDRICKS ON EQUITABLE

Hasn't Much Faith in the Ryan Plan—Severe Criticism of the Company. Albany, N. Y., June 22.—The report of Supt. Hendricks of the State insurance department, to Gov. Higgins, upon his investigation of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was made public here in New York last night.

It is described in the title as a "Preliminary Report" and it sharply criticizes the management of the society for voting the stock agreed upon by Thomas F. Ryan and the three trustees designated by him.

In conclusion Supt. Hendricks says: "No superficial measure will correct the existing evils in this society. All symptoms of complete mutualization with the elimination of the stock, to be paid for at a price only commensurate with its dividends, is, in my opinion, the only sure measure of relief."

"This report, with a copy of the evidence taken on the investigation, will be transmitted to the attorney general for such action thereon as he may deem proper."

A \$30,000 SUIT. Now Being Held in the Federal Court Room. In the Federal Court today, the case of Mrs. Sallie Brown, administrator of Charles Brown, deceased, was called.

The action is for \$30,000 damages because of the killing of Charles Brown at Salisbury, December, 1903. At the time the deceased was an employe of the Southern railway. While coupling cars on the Salisbury yard, his head was caught between the "bumbers" and his skull crushed, causing instant death.

All the evidence is in and this afternoon will be given over to the hearing of argument.

Mecklenburg's First Bloom. Mr. L. H. Robinson, of Providence township, brought to The News office this morning the first cotton bloom for Mecklenburg. Mr. Robinson is one of the substantial farmers of the county and is always among the first to market cotton.

MISTRIAL CRAWFORD CASE. Jury Discharged After Being Out Over Forty-Seven Hours. Washington, June 22.—The jury in the case of William G. Crawford, tried on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the purchase of postoffice supplies, was discharged this afternoon, falling to agree after being out 47 hours and 10 minutes.

Cities Can't Merge. Philadelphia, June 22.—The supreme court today issued a permanent injunction restraining the merging of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny City.

MRS. ROGERS TAKES THE LAST CHANCE. Habeas Corpus Petition Denied by Judge Wheeler. Appeal Will be Taken to U. S. Supreme Court, Pending Which She Will Not be Hanged.

Brattleboro, Vt., June 22.—The habeas corpus petition of Mrs. Rogers, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband, was denied by Judge Wheeler.

It is understood that an appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken and pending the decision, Mrs. Rogers, whose reprieve by the Governor, expires tomorrow, will not be hanged.

Later Mrs. Rogers' attorneys have formally filed an appeal. Judge Wheeler declared that if the governor did not grant further reprieve the court would issue an order returning Mrs. Rogers to custody of the United States marshal pending the decision of an appeal. Counsel for Mrs. Rogers said she would not be hanged tomorrow under any circumstances.

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Carlo—"That's it, Willie, tag me, or I am liable to be killed."



The Pickaninny cry these days—"Black Berries!"